

MARINE DISASTER.

Well Known Steamer Wrecked on a Reef Near Union Bay.

SOME MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

Number Drowned, but Large Part of Crew Saved—Valuable Cargo Went Down—Terrible Gale Cause of the Disaster.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 18.—News of the worst marine disaster of the season in British Columbia waters was brought here by the steamer *Czar* from Union Bay, on the east side of Vancouver Island. The famous steamer, Alpha, whose unauthorized trip to Cape Nome last May brought her into trouble with the treasury department at Washington, was wrecked on a reef near the entrance to Union Bay, and not a vestige of the steamer remains.

Her managing owner, captain, purser, two passengers, two able-bodied seamen and a stowaway were drowned, and the balance of the crew of thirty-four were saved by the pluck of an unknown member of the ship's crew, who swam in a raging sea from the wreck to a lighthouse with a line around his waist.

The drowned: Samuel Barbor, of Vancouver, managing owner.

Capt. F. N. York, Victoria, master.

Engineer Dunn, Victoria.

Second Assistant Engineer Murray, Vancouver.

H. L. White, purser, Vancouver.

Crosby, able-bodied seaman.

Sullivan, able-bodied seaman.

Stowaway, name unknown.

Value of the Cargo.

The ship Alpha was valued at \$45,000.

Her cargo comprised 750 tons of salt salmon and 450 tons of coal, consigned to Yokohama, and valued at \$50,000.

The total insurance on the ship and her cargo was \$88,000.

It is two weeks since the Alpha first started from Vancouver for Japan. After she had been four days out she returned to Victoria, partly disabled.

Last Saturday the Alpha left Victoria for Union to replenish her coal supply.

A terrific gale was raging, and late Sunday night the steamer ran on a rock at Baynes Sound, at the entrance to Union Bay. She was quickly dashed to pieces, and all would have perished had not one of the crew made the desperate and successful effort to swim with a line to the lighthouse on Yellow Island. In the raging sea only part of those on the ill-fated ship managed to reach shore safely, the officers and owner remaining on board and failing to reach the rock. The survivors remained on Yellow Island, which is a rock 200 yards wide, until Sunday night, when the sea moderated somewhat and a sloop was able to call and take them to Union.

RUBBER-SHOE WAR

Averted by Settlement in Wall Street—New Company Formed.

Number of Wealthy Subscribers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Tribune prints the following:

The report current in Wall street that negotiations were in progress for a settlement of the threatened rubber shoe war have been confirmed. A new company has been formed, with \$100,000 capital, for the purpose of controlling the crude rubber market in the United States.

The directors of the United States Rubber Company. Of this capital the Standard Oil Company has subscribed \$100,000; August Belmont & Company and other bankers, \$100,000; Charles R. Flint, \$150,000; the United States Rubber Company, \$150,000; the Rubber Goods Manufacturing Company \$150,000; other financial interests, including crude rubber importers, who will enter the new company, \$300,000.

Negotiations have been opened with outside manufacturers for the incorporation of their plants into the new company. The plan involves consolidation of independent rubber shoe manufacturers into a company formed after the manner of the National Sugar Refining Company. The directors of the United States Rubber Company have decided to cut prices 25 per cent on January 1 if present negotiations with the outsiders fail of consummation. A prospective cut of 25 per cent and a probable "corner" in crude rubber, however, are expected to carry great weight with the outside interests.

It was further learned that the outside rubber shoe manufacturers, in order to get business in competition, will make concessions of from five to ten per cent below regular prices.

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Wm. Youngblood, Auditor for the Interior.

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